

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-April 24, 2017

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on April 24, 2017, 7:35 P.M at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Mary Rosen and Loren Pelzer were present; also present, Diane Noll, Clerk.

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVAL A motion to accept the agenda was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer , motion carried, unanimously.

MINUTES-The minutes from the Monthly Meeting of March 27, Board of Review April 3, Road Tour, April 4 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as presented, was made by Supervisor Rosen seconded by Supervisor Pelzer , motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for April 2017 was reviewed: Investments-\$310,446.88; Checkbook Balance-\$247,974.58; Receipts-\$287.18; Claims \$9,302.23; Payroll-\$2,636.44. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

8926-8930	March Payroll	\$2,636.44		Voided checks 8924-8925	
8931	Albany Phone	\$33.20	8938	Noll, Diane	\$195.56
8932	Forster, Jerry	\$3.77	8939	Kotzer Excavating	\$1,068.75
8933	Bloch, Gary	\$41.06	8940	SunnyBrook	\$4,887.50
8934	MCSI	\$97.58	8941	ITS	\$750.00
8935	Randy Schreifels,Auditor	\$343.20	201705	IRS	\$1,190.68
8936	Star Publication	\$181.31	201706	PERA	\$329.36
8937	Stearns County Auditor	\$180.26			
				Total Claims	\$9,302.23
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$11,938.67

A motion to approve above claims and payroll was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE

Monthly correspondence was presented to the board. A motion that members were advised of the mail we received and to dispose of the junk mail was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS-To accommodate the contractors, the opening of bids for contracts was advanced.

Gravel Bids 2017

William Scepaniak, WM D. Scepaniak, Inc, 572 Fourth St South, Holdingford MN

Chris Kotzer, Kotzer Excavating 21745 340 Street, Albany MN

Scepaniak 9.34 per yard; Total \$46,700.00

Kotzer \$9.20 per yard: Total \$46,000

A motion to award the Gravel contract to the lowest bidder, Kotzer Excavating, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

Dust Suppressant Bids 2017

Chris Kotzer, Kotzer Excavating 21745 340 Street, Albany MN
Central Minnesota Dust Control LLC, 22418 Elbow Drive, Richmond MN 56368
Kotzer- rate of 3 per foot .59 / rate of .2 per foot .39
Central- rate of 3 per foot .57/ rate of .2 per foot .37

A motion to award the contract to Central Minnesota Dust Control was made by Supervisor Rosen, motion died for lack of a second.

The cost difference between the two contractors is minimal, Supervisor Pelzer recommended we hire the local contractor. A motion to award the contract to Kotzer Excavating was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

Mowing Right-of-ways

Schmitz Mowing Service, 26567 Co Rd 9, Richmond MN
Schmitz \$65.00 per hour plus fuel

Mr. Schmitz will only enter into a one year contract, because of the problems he has had with the grading of our roads. Before doing a longer contract, this issue will need to be addressed. Mowing will commence on June 14.

A motion to award the Mowing of Right of ways to Schmitz Mowing was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

Debris Removal and Signs

SunnyBrook Enterprises, Inc, 40935 County Road 153, Freeport MN
Costs-Removal of Debris-\$55.00 per hour
-Installation of signs \$100.00 per sign/ \$80.00 for second sign in same day
-Repair of signs \$50.00 per sign/\$40 for second sign in same day
-911 signs \$80.00 per sign/\$70 for second sign in same day

These are the same amounts that were bid for the last contract. A motion to award the Debris Removal and Sign Repair Contract to Sunnybrook was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

Wayne Stark, Engineer from Stark Engineering
Mr. Stark presented information on how we should move forward with construction of 325 Street/249 Avenue.
325 Street-The plan is to widen the road and place a culdesac on the west end.
Add a 24 foot field approach across from the cemetery on the north side of the road.
The culvert by 249 Avenue will need have an 18 inch extension.
249 Avenue-the hill will need to be cut down, if gravel is good, this can be used on 325 Street.
ITT recommended 5 inches of class 5
A Construction plan will be presented at the May meeting.
249 Avenue and 325 Street will be bid separately.

OPEN FORUM

Many residents were in attendance to discuss the disking done to the right-of-ways and the poor grading of our roads.

Bruce Hinnekamp, 36784 251 Avenue-since the disking of the right-of-ways our roads are in bad shape. 17 years ago, the road was rebuilt, many of us supplied the township with gravel for the road and they promised the road would be tarred, we are still waiting.

What type of gravel is being put on our roads, right now going over 20 miles an hour is too fast, the roads are so rutted.

Paul Luethmers, 37426 251 Avenue-the road is in bad shape, had one car go into the ditch. Lets do one side not both sides so we can still drive on the road. This road gets a lot of traffic, why hasn't it been paved. Fifth Lake Road and 350 Street have both been paved, why isn't ours?

Rick Rosen, 25426 375 Street; When the tractor and disk were disking up the gravel in the ditches, it was going too fast, causing the dirt to go on the road.

Chris Kotzer-The roads should be disked every year, five years is too long to wait. The gravel in the ditches needs to be reclaimed and it needs to be completed in the spring, after the frost and before it is green. The roads were scheduled to be graded right after the reclaiming, but because of the rain it was delayed. This was the cause of the road issues.

Deb Hinnenkamp, 36784 251 Avenue-why is this road not paved?

Supervisor Nierenhausen-the cost of paving a road is very high at this time the Township can not afford to pave an additional road.

Paul Luethmers-This spring the road has been posted as a 9 ton road, how did this go from 5 ton to 9 ton road? Why don't we build it to a 9 ton road and have it paved? Check the minutes—this was supposed to be paved when Fifth Lake Road was done.

Supervisor Nierenhausen – it is because of the business there, the Township is re-posting the road for spring weight restrictions. At this time the road restrictions are off.

Bruce Hinnkamp, 36784 251 Avenue-there was talk about this road being extended to County Road 157, will this be happening?

Supervisor Nierenhausen-because of the price, it will not be happening.

Paul Luethmers, 37426 251 Avenue, -the township will need to apply again for grants.

Rick Rosen, 25426 375 Street-we need a better job of grading the roads. The gravel is pushed into the ditches, the shoulders are cut down. This makes it difficult to cut the right-of-ways.

Supervisor Nierenhausen-requested Sunnybrook to talk to his graders to do a better job.

Supervisor Pelzer-for next year let's plan to do only one side and see if this improves.

Supervisor Nierenhausen-or we could do one side have it graded and then do the other side.

ROAD UPDATE

a. Road update-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Signs were ordered and have been delivered to Sunnybrook.

365 Street/251 Avenue-The arrows on the corner will need to be replaced.

Road Repair-Information has been received on repairing the bad sections of our roads

Some areas will need to be cut out and redone and then an overlay.

Seal coating is estimated at \$15,000 per mile for pea rock and an additional \$4,000 for fog coating.

245 Avenue/Thirteenth Street-the right-of-way/yard is still holding water-Lang will review the project.

365 Street -construction has been completed by Dave Gerads, there are issues with the farmer plowing too close to the right-of-way, which is causing problems with the pan for the culvert.

320 Street-the culvert is being replaced and the landowner (Hamann) will pay for the extra 10 feet of culvert.

330 Street-Beaver Dam-unable to locate the culvert on the south end of the road. There is still blockage, possibly still blocked on the north end.

360 Street, -Jeff Schmitz, 23275 360 Street, Water is not draining out of ditch west of driveway.

Road Shouldering-Kotzer Excavating

To improve the roads this will need to be done yearly. Waiting five years is what caused our problems this year.

The diskings were done by Johnny Kotzer, he drove fast to have the gravel thrown back up onto the roads.

Discussion will be had on what our process will be for 2018.

Meadowview Drive

The Township board members have been notified of a court hearing concerning two driveways on Meadowview

Drive. The hearing will be on May 3.

325 Street-See above
Contracts-See above

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Rosen update - No April Meeting

Building permits

Tobey Lieser, 24874 County Road 174, Albany MN Accessory Building

County Permits

Kevin Hall, 21602 322 Street, Albany MN Factory Home and detached garage

OLD BUSINESS

Centra Sota building-Supervisor Rosen Update

Centra Sota stated the bids are in and the building should be removed in the next three weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll-Avon Township has started doing a monthly article for the Albany Enterprise, they have contacted our township asking if we would like to also place a monthly article. The Board agreed to this endeavor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27-County Town Officers Meeting (reservations made)

May 2-Court Hearing for Meadowview Drive

May 9-Planning Commission

May 22-Monthly Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Rosen seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: Tim Nierenhausen Date: May 22, 2017

Township Chair